

## ART BEAT

Artheat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or fax (810) 644-1314.

## CALL TO ARTS

The city of Southfield's Cultural Arts Division invites any artists interested in showing their wares in a fun, family-centered fair to take part in the ninth annual Autumnfest 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Mary Thompson Cultural Center and Farm, 25630 Evergreen. Autumnfest is a festival for all ages that includes live entertainment, a pancake breakfast, craft booths, demonstrations and a petting zoo.

All types of art are considered, from painting and drawing to fabric art and sculpture. All art displayed may also be for sale. Booth space is limited, so artists interested in participating should call the Cultural Arts Division at (810) 424-9022 to reserve a space. Each 10-by-10-

foot booth space costs \$25 and features two chairs and one eight-foot bare table.

Cultural Arts is also looking for anyone who possesses old-time or unusual skills in the arts, such as woodcarving, weaving or quilt making, to demonstrate them to the public throughout the day. Call Cultural Arts for more information.

## CRAFTY ACTIVITY

Attention all crafters, sculptors and painters: Sign up now for the sixth annual Craftsmen Marketplace, presented by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

"Participants can sell anything that they make by hand," event coordinator Jackie Wilson said. "They can not sell anything that is produced commercially and we must see a photo of the craft or crafts they intend to sell."

Returning artisans don't have to submit photos.

The Craftsmen Marketplace will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Marshbank

Park, on Hiller Road north of Commerce Road, in conjunction with the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Autumnfest. Last year more than 5,000 people attended the event, and artisans came from all over the Detroit area to participate, Wilson said.

Participants check in at 10 a.m. and bring their own booths, tables and chairs. They receive a 10-by-10-foot outdoor space that costs \$35.

Space is limited. For more information, call Wilson at (810) 334-5560.

## GALLERY ART CRAWL

The 20/30 League of the Arts presents a Dog Days of Summer Uptown Birmingham Gallery Art Crawl 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Participating galleries include the David Klein Gallery, G.R. N'Nandi Gallery and Robert Kidd Gallery. Champagne, seltzer and hot dogs will be featured. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$15 for 20/30 League members. This year's Fancub Foundation recipients are the

Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, the Hilberry Theatre and Orchards Children's Services. Call (810) 988-0-PAN for information.

## CONCOURS POSTER

You can buy this year's Concours d'Elegance poster at Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University in Rochester, for \$16,

or by mail for \$20. To buy the poster by mail, send a check made out to Oakland University for \$20 and your request to: Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester 48309-4401. The Meadow Brook Hall phone number is (810) 370-3140.

## CORPS OF ACTIVITY

The Paint Creek Center for the

Arts seeks volunteers for its annual Art & Apples Festival, taking place Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 7-8, in Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteers are needed 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 7 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 8, call the PCCA at (810) 681-1110. Art & Apples is the major fund-raiser of the non-profit PCCA.

## Faces of Thailand give special lesson

## PERSPECTIVES



MARY KLEMIC

"The Faces of Thailand," the photo exhibit by Bloomfield Hills resident Jimmy Bittker, gives special lessons about that country.

The show continues to Sept. 1 at the Sy Thai Restaurant, 315 Hamilton Row, Birmingham.

Recently, Bittker's works have been shown at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum/Gallery in West Bloomfield, Arianna Gallery in Royal Oak and Scarab Club and Urban Art Gallery in Detroit.

Bittker has a sensitive eye with both children and adults, resulting in works that are up close and personal. His subjects include a young woman wearing golden rings around her neck to

elongate it, and an older woman in a village. Two youngsters offer delightful smiles to the viewer. The photos have deep, rich color, conveying the sense of mystery about the land as the images convey real personalities.

Bittker first got involved with photography in 1950, when he bought his first 35mm Exakta camera and started taking photography lessons. Before he became a photographer, he was a dentist in Warren for 41 years.

There'll be plenty "bugging" you at "Insects Inside," the current display at the Clique Gallery, 200 W. Fifth, east of Washington in Royal Oak.

The exhibit features works with an insect motif. They include a soft, mesmerizing watercolor/colored pencil piece by Karen Klein, luminous paintings and monoprints by Catherine Puet, sculptural pieces of strange creatures with mallets or headlights for heads, tiny jewelry, photographs, books and cards.

"Insects Inside" continues to Aug. 24. Call (810) 545-2200.

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**Trivia Contest!**

Aretha Franklin and The Legends of Motown are Coming To Pine Knob And You Could Win 2 Tickets To See Both Shows Plus A Picnic Dinner!

**Aretha Franklin**  
August 31  
7:30 p.m.

**The Legends of Motown:**  
• The Temptations • The Spinners  
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September 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Just answer these questions:**  
1. Who wrote "My Girl"? 2. Who sang with Aretha on the Hit "I knew you were waiting for me"?

**FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM BELOW:**

Employees of Palace Sports & Entertainment and The Observer & Eccentric are not eligible. All entries must be mailed by Monday, August 26. Two winners will be randomly chosen and notified on Monday, August 26 and will receive 2 tickets to Aretha Franklin on August 31 and 2 tickets to The Legends of Motown along with a picnic dinner coupon for each event.

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